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Radio school owner arrested on fraud charges  
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The owner of a radio school in Edmonton, Canada, who also has a talent agency in the U.S., was arrested facing fraud charges.

Police made the arrest of Jacquie Hammond after complaints about her International Model and Talent Center.

She also operates the Canadian School of Modern Broadcasting and has been charged with 6 counts of financial card fraud, five counts of theft by deception and five counts of identity theft.

It's reported the broadcasting school's facility appears to have closed although, at the time of writing, the web site is still up and looking for business.

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Latest challenge to being on-air longest time  
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The current Guinness record is held by Stefano Venneri on BBSI in Alessandria, Italy. He hung in for 135 hours from April 21 to 26, 2007.

Now comes a Tamil DJ who goes by the name of Big Dheena who aims to get into the Guinness Book of World Records by staying on air non-stop for 136 hours.

He's one of Chennai's most popular D.J's and is heard on BIG 92.7FM.

He began his record-breaking performance Aug 21, the day Chennai was founded , and will continue non-stop for 136 hours or more.

In case you're wondering where Chennai is, it was known as Madras and founded as a British trading outpost Aug 21, 1639.  
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## Radio personality charged after school bus stunt

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In the U.S. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools officials have decided to file charges after a stunt on the first day of school by a Charlotte radio station personality.

Jase Edward Squires, known as Cubby on the "AM Mayham" show on 96.1 The Beat, is charged with causing a disturbance on a school bus.

It seems he boarded a bus headed to Southwest Middle School, rode for one stop and got off. The stunt was aired live on the radio from his mobile phone.

The bus driver who let Squires on the bus has been suspended while the district investigates.

The school's principal also contacted parents who had children riding the bus.

On the radio show Tuesday morning, host Brotha' Fred said the incident never was meant to be malicious saying: "I can't believe that a 26-year-old man, 300 pounds, in jeans, could get on a bus with middle school kids in uniforms. That is the real issue."

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## Former radio host gets seven years for child porn

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Ex-San Francisco radio talk show host and former Roman Catholic priest Bernie Ward, 57, has been sentenced to more than seven years in prison for distributing child pornography.

Prosecutors said investigators found dozens of pornographic images of children as young as 3 on Ward's home computer, including masochistic images of children bound and gagged.

Ward, a father of four, known for his staunchly liberal views, hosted a nightly radio show until the station fired him when the child pornography indictment was made public

A woman who exchanged sexually explicit Internet messages with him called police after Ward sent her a photograph of two children engaged in a sex act.

Ward's attorney, Doron Weinberg, tried to get him the mandatory minimum prison sentence of five years. He cited numerous letters of support Ward received after pleading guilty and Ward's volunteer work.

Weinberg has said Ward downloaded the child porn for journalistic research. "It's clear that it ended in a dark place," Weinberg said. "Bernie Ward is a good man."

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Absolute Radio loses its virginity

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In the UK, The Indian media company TIML is rebranding Virgin Radio as Absolute Radio.

The name change will begin from 28th. September, in what will be the biggest change made by owner Times of India since it bought the station for £53m from SMG in June.

The rebrand follows a decision not to continue licensing the Virgin brand, which reverts to its owner Virgin Enterprises.

New initiatives are launching to bring more variety and depth of music to the station with a tenfold increase in music choice, spanning the station's core guitar based pop and rock from the last five decades and the station will see a new No Repeat Work Day.

Added to this will be what Absolute is calling a revolutionary idea of opening up its playlist meetings to listeners, involving them in the process of choosing the music the station plays.

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Radio volunteer arrested

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A volunteer at community radio KPFA in Berkeley, San Francisco was arrested and forcibly removed from the station as a result of part of a protest against management.

Not surprisingly the incident has caused unrest at the station.

Nadra Foster , who is pregnant, was arrested by at least six officers, who had to use force to get her out of the station.

She had been banned from KPFA in May for bringing her children to work, using company equipment to print personal documents, and making personal phone calls.

She was charged with five misdemeanors, including trespassing, resisting arrest and battery, with a pretrial hearing set for September 22nd.

The volunteer group has been battling management over what they claim is the network's move towards being more corporate and less a "voice of dissent," while also concerned that management wants to reduce the number of volunteers.

Ah, the politics of community radio.

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Kim Wilde joins London's Magic

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Singer and TV personality Kim Wilde has signed up to present Sundays midday to 3pm on London's Magic 105.4. It will be a classic hits show called "Magic's Secret Songs"

She is best known internationally for the 1981 hit "Kids in America" and the daughter of singer Marty Wilde has more recently hosted BBC TV's "Garden Invaders" and ITV's "Better Gardens

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Radio reporter who broadcast Lee Harvey Oswald's death dies

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Ike Pappas, a longtime CBS newsman who reported the shooting death of presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald on the radio as it was happening, has died from complications of heart disease at age 75.

You may have seen the historic video of Pappas among the reporters at the Dallas police station waiting for Oswald to be moved two days after President Kennedy was assassinated. Pappas had just asked him, "You have anything to say in your defense?" when a shot rang out.

"Oswald has been shot!" Pappas said on the air, adding, "Mass confusion here, all the doors have been locked. Holy mackerel!"

Sidenote: Pappas was among more than 200 CBS News employees laid off by the company in 1987.

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BBC DJ released from Dubai prison

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BBC Radio One drum-and-bass show DJ Raymond "Grooverider" Bingham, who was arrested last November on drug and pornography has been released from a Dubai prison after serving ten months of a four year sentence.

His arrest had come hours before he was to play a sold-out show at a club in the United Arab Emirates city and was convicted regardless of his assertions that the drugs were in his pocket by accident and he had no intent to bring them into the country.

Bingham was pardoned by the Dubai Royal Family and has returned to the U.K.

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DJs accused Of promoting drinking

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The U.K.'s Public Health Minister, Dawn Primarolo, has asked radio DJs to stop "glorifying" being drunk.

Her comments came on the heels of a government study of programming on six stations that found several references to drinking.

The study named BBC Radio 1 morning star Chris Moyles as a repeat offender, including inviting celebrity chef Gordon Ramsey out for a "few beers."

In 1,200 hours of radio between December 2007 and February 2008, the study recorded 700 comments about alcohol, almost 75% encouraging drinking and 13% promoting excessive drinking.

The Health Minister said: "If we are going to change the nation's drinking habits, we really need to change the way we talk about alcohol. It is disappointing that so many of our radio stations glorify being drunk."

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